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## THE OXFORD BEARS.

## THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

## Paris, Hill.

Services at Paris Hill Baptist church Sunday at 10:30. Sunday school at 12. Sunday evening service at 7:30. Monday evening prayer meetings at 7:30.

Charles H. Rogers returned last Thursday from a visit to Portland, Boston and Wells River, Vermont.

Paris Hill has about three inches of snow. All kinds of vehicles are in use, sleighs, sleds, wagons and automobiles.

Rev. Helen H. Carlson returned Friday from a visit of a few weeks to relatives in New York and arrives at the Baptist church tomorrow Sunday.

Fred W. Shaw, who has been very ill with double pneumonia, is still under the care of a physician and trained nurse, but is improving slowly.

A crew of roofers from Portland will be here this week to put the roofs on the new place of the Hamlin Hamlin house.

Her many friends at Paris Hill will be glad to learn that Mrs. Alpheus G. Rogers, who has been seriously ill in Portland, is making good recovery and expects to spend the coming summer here as usual.

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## Locke's Mills.

Mrs. Lena Rand has closed her house and gone to Gardiner the 10th.

W. B. Rand had his car damaged quite badly while out riding Sunday. The snow had made the road slippery. The car skidded going down a hill, and turned up on its side, throwing out Mr. and Mrs. Rand. They were not injured, but the top was torn from the car, which smashed and steering wheel broken.

Lester and Donald Tabbas have been on a business trip in the West.

Mrs. Annie Emery went to Auburn Saturday.

Harold Crocker returned to Boston Monday, after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Elsie Tabbas has moved her household goods from her home here.

Mrs. Elsie Tabbas is working at Jack Kimball's.

## Hebron.

December 7th, coldest morning yet above zero.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Alton Hildreth.

Miss Eleanor Beane was at home for a short time during the Thanksgiving week.

There was a large attendance at the dance in Grange Hall Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hatchison went to Boston to be with their daughters for Thanksgiving.

Lawrence Perkins of Maine was at Clayton Babcock's Sunday. Mrs. Babcock and children spent Tuesday with her aunt, Mrs. Henry Bacon.

Vivian Beane returned from his hunting trip with two deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sampson of Auburn came up to call on Miss Tripp Wednesday.

The marriage of H. K. Stearns and Miss Lela Chase, formerly of South Paris, on Wednesday evening of the 25th, was a surprise to everyone. It is seldom that we hear of a couple getting married so late in life. We have known Mr. Stearns since he was a student at the Maine State Normal School, and he has been his housekeeper, and she has been his friend. We wish them all happiness and love sure it will be theirs.

There was some trouble with the heating apparatus in Atwood Hall Wednesday, and the students went to the home and cottage for a few days till repairs are made.

During the high wind Wednesday Mr. Fogg's chimney burned out, no damage.

## East Bethel.

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Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Wiley and daughter Olive of Bar Mills were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Edwards.

Louis Van has returned to his duties in Porto Rico, after visiting his brother, Eugene Van, of the University of Maine, a few days.

A Ford car driven by Elmer Bennett turned over at the foot of Mill Hill recently, damaging the car quite badly, but the occupants were not hurt.

Alfred Clark and Warren Noyes of Gorham, N. H., were recent guests of Dr. H. H. Wright and family.

The first of a worth-while community series of gatherings under the auspices of the Oxford Academy was held at the Wm. Bingham Gymnasium last Sunday evening. Speakers, President Charles D. Gray of Bates College. He was assisted by the local pastors.

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Miss Dorothy Hanson and Grace Van Den Kerckhove were recent guests of Miss Margaret Hanson of Bates College, Lewiston.

Miss Mildred Besserman has returned home from a visit with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Ada Parsons and two children were recent guests of Mrs. Charles Lyon and family one day last week.

Miss Inez Ewell, the telephone operator, spent the week-end at her home in West Paris.

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## West Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary Curtis, widow of James P. Curtis, passed away at her home on Main Street Thursday afternoon from heart disease. Mrs. Curtis was in frail health for some time but her final illness was of only a few weeks' duration. Mrs. Curtis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Andrew) Bates and was 78 years of age. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Curtis, who is a sister, Mrs. Phoebe Doe, of Waltham, Mass., and her son, Mr. Curtis, who is a brother. Mrs. Curtis resided on a farm in West Paris during her early married life, but for more than thirty years the family have lived on Main Street. Mrs. Curtis was of quiet, genial disposition, deeply devoted to her family and home, and highly respected by all who knew her. The funeral was held from her late home Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the cemetery. Rev. F. Aldrich officiated at the funeral, and Edward Babcock, of which she was a member, attended in a body.

Miss Ethel Spiller has been a few days in the hospital at Bates College, where she is a student. Miss Spiller has been a member of the Bates College choir for the past eight years and it is a regret that she will not be able to sing at the Bates College choir at a few weeks ago made it necessary for her to leave her home for the treatment. Mrs. E. J. Dennen was in Portland two or three days last week. She was the guest of Mr. L. B. Bowker during her stay.

Mr. H. Martin has purchased the L. H. Kings' 'Who Never Grow Old'.

A curious custom of a pastoral people of Uganda, known as the Banyoro, is related by the Rev. John Hancock. He said that when once a king was enthroned his person became sacred, and his food was restricted to milk and beef from a sacred herd of cows.

The Banyoro monarch never allowed himself to grow old nor his faculties to become impaired. When he thought he was going to be seriously ill he called a council, arranged state affairs with the principal chiefs without giving them any reason for thinking that he was about to die, and dismissed them to carry out his instructions. Then he returned to his private house, summoned his chief wife, and ordered her to bring him a cup of poison. He drank the contents, and in a few minutes was dead.

There will be a dance at Odd Fellows' Hall Wednesday night with music by Dunham's Orchestra of South Paris.

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## Jinx Phone Numbers Shunned.

The Japanese believe that there are lucky and unlucky numbers. In this respect they are not unlike many Americans, but their belief is much more deeply rooted, as is shown by the extreme care with which the Japanese select their telephone numbers, according to the Telephone Press service. The Japanese government, which operates the service, has been unable to meet the demand for telephone numbers, permits the buying and selling of telephone subscriptions and the corresponding numbers, and frequently very substantial sums are paid for numbers that are reputed to be particularly lucky. It is said that the luckiest number for business purposes is eight, because the shape of the number suggests the character of the Japanese character for eight in some way suggests the idea of prosperity. The most unlucky numbers are 42 and 43, because the former is pronounced "shin," which means "to die," and the latter "shin," which means "death" or "suffering."

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## Spread of Health Service.

Surgeon General Cummings of the United States public health service makes a direct appeal when he says: "The crying need of the country is better organization of health work in the rural communities. A survey made by the United States public health service two years ago showed that only 8 per cent of our rural districts had adequate health organization. It is a pleasure to announce that this number has increased during the last two years from 8 to 16 per cent."

The Unwise Father.

"When I was young," said the stern parent, "I thought nothing of working 12 or 14 hours a day."

"Father," replied the young man with the exultantly pressed trousers, earnestly. "I wish to heaven you wouldn't mention it. These notions of working 12 or 14 hours a day are making you a hideously unpopular."—Town Topics.

Crab Shell Barometer.

The Academics of the southernmost province of China use a crab shell as a barometer. In dry, hot weather it is white, but when rain is approaching, red spots appear on it, and when excessive moisture is in the atmosphere it becomes red all over.

Jud Tunkins says some men argue with the idea that the world owes them a living. They think they're entitled to the privilege of leading a double life.—Washington Star.

DANCE!

I. O. O. F. Hall, West Paris, Wednesday Evn'g, Dec. 12.

Music: Dunham's Orchestra.

Horse For Sale.

A good driving horse. Inquire of MRS. MARY ANDREWS, South Paris, Maine.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine, in Bankruptcy.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of December, 1922, the said Hon. J. L. Littlefield was duly appointed trustee, and that the first meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 40 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 11th day of December, 1922, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors are required to appear, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt's books and papers, and such business as may properly come before said meeting.

Southern Maine Bankruptcy Court.

WALTER L. GR











## SOUTH PARIS.

When winter comes  
We have to shovel snow  
But it is no law to move  
It is a law to shovel.

Arthur Barlow of West Minot was in the village Tuesday.

Alvin Hendrickson of South Woodstock was in town Tuesday.

William E. Atwood of Portland was in the village and Norway Tuesday.

Red H. Evans of Hrol, N. H., formerly of this town, was here a day or two last week.

The mercury headed for zero in local thermometers Wednesday night but did not get there—not quite.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall of Canton, Minn., arrived in town recently in this village and Norway visiting relatives.

Miss Anita Nicholson will leave to-day (Tuesday) for Orono for the annual conference of home demonstration agents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bonney of Sumner came to South Paris last week to stay for some months with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Hayes.

Mrs. Dan Martin of West Bethel spent several days with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clara Bell, recently.

The funeral of Richard Barrett, who was killed on the road between Bethel and South Paris, occurred Wednesday afternoon.

R. O. Partridge of Mechanic Falls was in the village and Norway Friday.

George A. Case, formerly of Norway, was in the village and Norway Friday.

Alfred Barlow visited friends in Madison, N. H., the first of last week.

On Tuesday he left for town for Keno, a few days.

Shaw's Orchestra will furnish music for the dances of the Golden Eagle club at the Norway Opera House on Saturday evening, December 30.

Representing the storm quite a number of people from various parts of Oxford County attended Pomona Grange in the village.

Some fifty men about the station had to wait several days for the first train to leave for town for Keno, a few days.

S. S. Saunders of Mechanic Falls was in the village and Norway Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hayes of Sumner came to South Paris last week to stay for some months with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Hayes.

The next night a meeting of Pythians was held at the Norway Opera House, Dec. 12.

Warren Page of Fiske, Mass., one of the members of the Colby College, was in the village and Norway Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hayes of Sumner came to South Paris last week to stay for some months with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Hayes.

Since the burglar came a-burgling in to this village, a night watchman has been employed by the village corporation.

Edward Shaw and his orchestra play this week at the Norway Opera House on Tuesday evening, at Buckfield, Friday evening and at Norway Grange Hall on Saturday evening.

The men of the Universalist church, the three of the Norway church will meet at the church in this village to-night (Tuesday) at 7:30 to consider the organization of a Chapter of Universalist Canteens.

The corner window of "Our Store" has been a great point of attraction for the village and Norway during the past week, for it was with Christmas.

The electric train, especially when it is moving, has attracted the attention of the village.

To protect the pipe which supplies water to the drinking tub in the square, the village has had it surrounded and filled with sand, up to the bottom of the tub. It is expected that there will be at least a few horses in use during the winter.

George Stevens, after being at home a number of weeks, had to return to the State General Hospital the first of last week to undergo another surgical operation as a result of the injuries sustained in the collision of his bicycle with an automobile last August.

Miss and Mrs. W. H. Allen, who have been in the village and Norway for some time, will be in the village and Norway for some time.

Harry Whitefield Latt, the noted cornet player, will give a concert at the Norway Opera House on Tuesday evening, December 26.

A photograph in the last Democrat showed Miss Nellie M. Jackson, who is in the village and Norway for some time, will be in the village and Norway for some time.

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Ralph D. Rich of Portland was in town Thursday.

George W. Richardson left on a trip to Bangor Monday.

Mrs. Ray Crockett of Bethel has been in town several days.

D. S. Billings has been ill and confined to the house for several weeks.

The ladies of the Congregational church realized about \$200 from their fair last week.

Mrs. Walter Pugh of West Paris visited her mother, Mrs. Nettie Murphy, Thursday.

James Boyce and son Lawrence have gone into the woods at Farmington for the winter.

Mrs. Roger Davis and daughter Nancy returned the first of last week from their visit in Montclair, N. J.

The Optimistic Club will meet with Mrs. Albert E. Dean on Western Avenue Friday evening of this week.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. Percy Allen Tuesday at 2:30 P. M.

The forenoon passenger train east was some two and one-half hours late Saturday forenoon in arriving in this village owing to a broken locomotive.

There will be Christmas dancing at Norway Opera House from 2:30 P. M. to 8:30, and 8:30 to midnight. Howard Shaw and his orchestra will render the late hits.

Hugh Morrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Morton, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston Sunday forenoon.

Postmaster Kenna requests that those who hold saving stamps of the issue of 1918, now about to expire, should bring them in as soon as practicable, so as to avoid the rush of the Christmas business.

A neighborhood card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harold Abbott on Friday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford.

Rev. Chester Gore Miller attended the funeral of Charles C. Davis in Oxford Tuesday. Mr. Davis was a lumber operator and a well known in this village, and in fact all the towns up and down the Grand Trunk Railway.

Pupils of the King School having 100 per cent in spelling are as follows: Alvin Slattery, William Slattery, William Huotari, Alma Tikander, Annie Whitman, Eva Huotari, William Tikander, Elmer Huotari, Elmer Tikander.

Miss Margaret Shaw of Pine Street observed her sixtieth birthday on Saturday. Six little girls were present: Hazel Mosher, Carlene Parson, Ruth Mills, Charles O'Connell, Molly Davis and Margaret. A nice time was enjoyed from three to five.

Robert E. Shaw returned the last of the week from Boston, where he had been for a medical examination and treatment. Mr. Shaw and daughter Velma, who accompanied him to Boston and remained over Thanksgiving, returned several days ago.

Real winter we are having just now. Thermometers Monday morning ranged from 6 below zero, as shown by some of the most conservative instruments, to 14 below "over the river" in the front part of the town. With a light coat of snow on the ground it is good going for old-fashioned winter.

E. S. Jones will assume the responsibility of management of the new year ball to be held in Association Hall Monday evening, Jan. 1. The ball will be given toward the fund for the community room for another year. Music will be given by the orchestra of the Norway Grange Hall on Saturday evening.

The Seneca Club will hold its December meeting next Monday evening, the 18th, with Mrs. Alice Allen, Mrs. Eva Ordway and Mrs. Edith Wheeler, hostesses. The meeting will be held with Mrs. Wheeler.

This comes pretty near being a Christmas meeting, perhaps the ladies could call it a "Christmas" meeting. The program with this verse:

"I wish you health  
I wish you wealth  
And all good things befall  
This Merry Christmas Eve."

This is the program:

Roll Call—A four line poem.  
Reading—Selections from the Bible.  
Reading—"The Christmas Story."  
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High School Notes.

The literary society presented the following program on Friday afternoon:

Piano solo—Dorothy Denison.  
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## Planning a Skating Rink.

Barely does the South Paris Board of Trade have a larger attendance than at the meeting last Tuesday evening. Also, being just from the chicken pie supper at the Universalist church, they were in good humor and their purse strings were fairly loose. President George F. Eastman presided.

The committee chose to devise methods of increasing the usefulness of the organization reported, suggesting a banquet in January with outside speakers, and a February meeting devoted to consideration of school matters. Arrangements for the banquet were left with the entertainment committee, with the tentative understanding that the date would be Friday, Jan. 5. One of the speakers would probably be from the State Fire Commission.

The question of a public skating rink was discussed at length. The committee appointed as a previous meeting, consisting of Clarence G. Morton, Leslie L. Mason and Alton G. Maxim, reported that the field of C. Trubon could be secured for the purpose, the only stipulation being that it should be left in the spring in as good shape as when it was closed.

After some discussion it was decided to the cost of a rink were called for. Two pieces of ten dollars each, four pieces of five dollars each, and a number of three dollars each in a few minutes approximately \$200. A soliciting committee was appointed to go out and increase this to at least \$300. Also the rink committee was continued, with instructions to investigate the feasibility and cost of the undertaking, and if in their judgment it is advisable, to go ahead with the construction of a rink when there is not less than \$300 in sight.

The question of signals at the Grand Trunk crossing was discussed briefly, and it was voted that if no satisfactory arrangement could be obtained from the Grand Trunk, a petition should be made to the public utility commission. Also the committee on this matter, of which O. C. Clifford is chairman, was instructed to talk "gates or nothing" to the railroad officials.

An Auto and Team Accident.

There was a bad accident on the cement highway between South Paris and Oxford on Wednesday evening at about 6:15, when a team was struck by a car and Mrs. J. L. Wood, came in collision with an auto driven by Joseph A. Thine.

The carriage was demolished and the horse so badly hurt he had to be killed, and the occupants so badly injured they were taken to the Norway Grange Hall for treatment. The auto was put out of commission but the driver escaped without injury.

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